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SUBJ: POSSIBLE NATO-IRAN JOINT MILITARY PLANNING

TALKS

1. LTG REZVANI, J-5, SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF, REAFFIRMED TO POL MILCOUNS, AT RECEPTION DEC 6, GOI INTEREST IN HAVING FIRST SESSION OF PROPOSED JOINT MILITARY PLANNING TALKS WITH US FOCUS ON INDIAN OCEAN (TEHRAN 12042 - NOTAL). REZVANI WENT ON TO SUGGEST INDIAN OCEAN INVOLVES SO MANY ISSUES THAT IT OCCURRED TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT SERVE AS WHOLE AGENDA. IN THAT REGARD, REZVANI SAID PARTICIPANTS FROM CINCPAC PROBABLY MORE USEFUL AND IMPORTANT THAN PEOPLE FROM WASHINGTON.

2. REZVANI WENT ON TO VOLUNTEER THAT, WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO CENTO-ANKARA IN 1962-65, NATO MILITARY HAD APPROACHED IRAN (COMMENT: APPARENTLY IN ANKARA) ABOUT JOINT MILITARY TALKS ON AIR DEFENSE ISSUES, "...FROM NORWAY ACROSS EUROPE, DOWN THROUGH IRAN." REZVANI WAS ASKED WHETHER APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE BY NATO OR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND HE REPLIED IT HAD BEEN NATO. GOING ON, REZVANI SAID

NOTHING MATERIALIZED IN THE SIXTIES, BUT NATO MILITARY HAVE RECENTLY RAISED SUBJECT AGAIN WITH IRAN AND HE IS NOW SEEKING REQUESTED GOI APPROVAL TO HAVE SUCH TALKS, WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN APRIL. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, REZVANI SAID LOCATION WOULD PROBABLY BE ANKARA, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE NATO-CENTO, BUT NATO-IRAN-- ALTHOUGH UNDER CENTO UMBRELLA.

3. REZVANI SAID THIS WAS WHY HE IS SO INTERESTED IN HAVING PROPOSED US-GOI TALKS FOCUS ON INDIAN OCEAN. HE WOULD PROVIDE US SHORTLY WITH IRANIAN DRAFT OF POSSIBLE AGENDA AS WE HAD REQUESTED PER STATE 289020 (NOTAL).

4. COMMENT: WE UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC US POLICY TO ENGAGE IRAN BILATERALLY OR THROUGH CENTO IN POSSIBLE MILITARY PLANNING WITH NATO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE, AND GUIDANCE ON US POLICY.
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